Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Dr. Roy Masson met the love of his life, Delpha Marvin, at South Dakota State College in the 1930s, where both graduated, and Dr. Masson worked his way through school by playing the sousaphone and bass in a dance band. Dr. Masson served his country by participating in the Army Specialized Training Program from June 1943 to June 1944 while he was enrolled in veterinary school; and,

Whereas, Dr. Masson graduated from Iowa State School of Veterinary Medicine in 1946, and moved to Brookings where he began his business. He served the Brookings County area as a livestock veterinarian for over 66 years until his retirement in March 2012, caring for his client's livestock no less than the way a medical doctor cares for their human patients; and,

Whereas, Dr. Masson was an expert in all areas of livestock production including beef and dairy cattle, swine, sheep, and poultry with a few pets handled in between. His veterinary medicine skills were repeatedly demonstrated with his ability to precisely diagnose illness in animals, and for many years, he developed his own treatment remedies using his knowledge and skills in chemistry to find a solution when one was not commercially available; and,

Whereas, Dr. Masson believes in the future of veterinary medicine by contributing to the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association Veterinary Student Scholarship Fund and has supported his community in many ways including youth hockey and the Brookings Country Club; and,

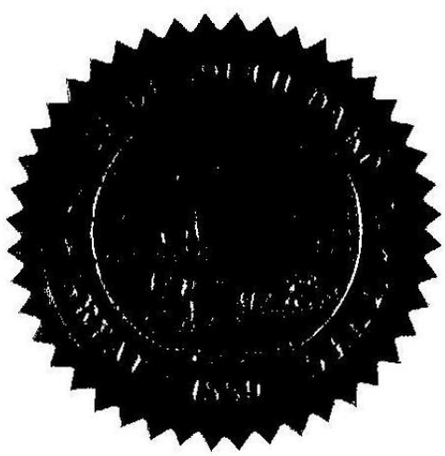
Whereas, Dr. Masson and his wife, Delpha, were an inspiration to all who ever met them, serving livestock producers well past the time when most would have retired and demonstrating a true commitment to each other as well as their clients. This community of friends and clients of Dr. Masson wish to thank him for his years of service on July 1, 2012; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan and congratulate him on his retirement and honor him for his service to the state of South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 1, 2012, as

DR. ROY MASSON DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Judy A. Larson Exec. Asst.

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State